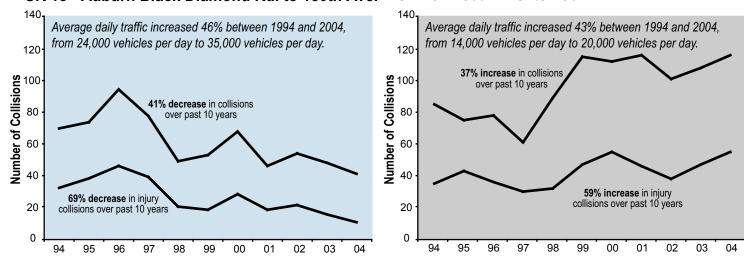
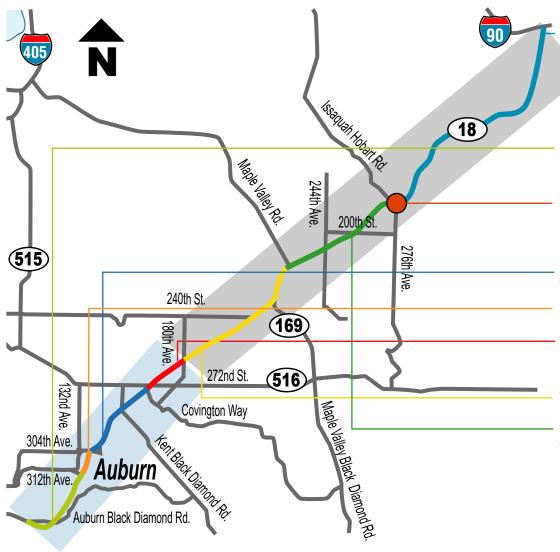
SR 18 - Safety



Despite traffic growth, our data show that our widening projects on SR 18 significantly enhanced safety. These projects were built between 1995 and 1999. During the three years before construction began (1992-94) an average 70 collisions per year occurred on this six mile stretch of highway. Thirty-five of these caused injuries. During the most recent three years after construction was complete (2002-04) an average 48 collisions per year occurred, with 18 causing injuries.

SR 18 - Auburn Black Diamond Rd. to 180th Ave. SR 18 - 180th Ave. to I-90





1991 to 1994: completed interim safety improvements, including new signals, median barrier and truck climbing lanes between Issaquah Hobart Road and I-90, updated lighting, signing and guardrail, and bridge widening.

1997: Auburn Black Diamond Rd. to Southeast 312th St. widened to four lane freeway

1998: Issaquah Hobart Rd. completed interchange and constructed bridge over Raging River

1998: SE 304th St. to Covington Way widened to four lane freeway

1999: SE 312th Way to South 304th St. widened to four lane freeway

1999: Covington Way to 180th Ave. SE widened to four lane freeway.

2002: 180th Ave. SE to Maple Valley widened to four lane freeway

Began September 2003: Maple Valley to Issaquah Hobart Rd. widen to four lane freeway. Construct new interchange at 244th Ave. SE and an overpass at SE 200th S. Scheduled to be open to traffic in summer 2006.